

Council drafts student proposal

By Kathleen Loughran
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The State College Borough Council has drafted a proposal in response to the University Park Undergraduate Association's (UPUA) request for student representation on the council.

Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said the proposal will be presented at tonight's council work session at 7:30. The council plans to discuss the student representative proposal for about 30 minutes.

According to the proposal, "Borough Council has determined that the appointment of a person to serve as a designated Student Representative to Borough Council will assist in the process of improving communication between the body of students residing within the Borough and Borough Council."

The draft also proposes the creation of a 15-member student advisory board made up of students from various organizations on campus.

UPUA President Christian Ragland said the proposal "looks awesome." "From an initial glance, this is exactly what we wanted," Ragland (senior-political science) said.



Ragland

If the proposal is passed, UPUA will provide the council with a student representative recommendation by Dec. 1. This student will serve from Jan. 1 until April 30.

After this initial interim appointment, UPUA will compile a list of recommendations annually by April 10 for a student representative. The council will then appoint a student to serve the one-year term.

The draft states that the non-voting student representative will have "the same privileges as staff in receiving information, agendas and participating in meetings and discussions."

Though UPUA did not original-

ly suggest the formation of a student advisory board, UPUA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman TJ Bard said he thought it was a good addition.

"It makes me really excited that the borough council evolved it into something more," Bard (sophomore-political science and economics) said.

"I think that's going to be such a great thing for us to have. I'm so excited that they moved this quickly on it... really harnessed everything we were proposing and more."

According to the draft, council recommends that the advisory board be comprised of students from the following organizations: the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the International Student Council, the Association of Residence Hall Students, UPUA, Adult Learners, the Graduate Student Association, LGBTQA, two representatives from the Off Campus Student Union and five at-large representatives.

If you go

What: State College Borough Council work session

Where: State College Municipal Building, 243 S. Allen St.

When: 7:30 tonight

Details: The council will discuss student representation.

The board would meet once a month during the academic year to "foster communication and collaboration between students and the borough," according to the proposal.

Goreham said the meeting marks the first time all council members will be able to see the draft of the proposal to discuss and compare it to the original proposal submitted by UPUA.

She said the council was quick to draft the proposal because "everyone is on the same page," and they hope to have the student representative spot filled by next semester.

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Police: Man pulled gun

Police said a man brandished a gun at a fraternity event at Penn Skates.

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A man brandished a gun late Saturday night during an event held by a Penn State fraternity at Penn Skates, 2210 High Tech Rd., the State College Police Department said.

Police said they were called in at about 12:54 a.m. to assist the Pennsylvania State Police at Rockview with dispersing a large, disorderly crowd at the Benner Township rink.

Sunday morning, a gun was found in the bushes outside of the facility, Pennsylvania State Police at Rockview said. The gun is not listed as stolen and it hasn't been determined whether the gun was the same one involved in the incident Saturday night, police said.

Police could not say which fraternity was holding the event when the incident occurred, police said.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Max Wendkos said to his knowledge the fraternity holding the event was not affiliated with the IFC. Leaders from the Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council were also contacted but could not be reached for comment. Officials from Penn Skates could also not be reached by press time.

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Influential Penn State alumnus dies at 91

By Micah Wintner
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April 28, 1940: That's the day A. William Engel, Jr. and C. Russel Eck announced that Penn State's weekly newspaper would turn into The Daily Collegian.

Eck and Engel co-chaired the Collegian reorganization committee that was responsible for turning the student newspaper into a daily, according to Collegian archives.

Engel died at 91 on Oct. 2. Lawrence Driever was the first business manager for the new Daily Collegian in 1940 and said he remembers Engel pushing for a daily newspaper.

"Everything about State College at that time was growth," Driever, 91, said. "So it was time to go from a twice-a-week to a five-times-a-week. Engel and Eck were very instrumental in taking that route."

Driever said he is happy that in the digital age, the daily student paper that Engel and others at

the Collegian worked for is still alive.

But the newspaper is far from the only thing Engel was involved with.

Melinda Cocolin, Engel's daughter, said her father loved to be active with the community.

"It just came naturally to him, I think. He was really an unassuming man. He went along with his deeds," she said.

As student body secretary of the Class of 1940, Engel was a member of the committee that selected his class gift — the Nittany Lion Shrine, Cocolin said.

Engel was a member of Kiwanis International for 60 years, a foundation whose mission is to help children in need.

He belonged to several honorary societies and served as director of the Penn State Alumni Fund and Associate Director of University Development until his retirement in 1984, Cocolin said.

Engel's daughter Jane Tyson

"He ended his life in the best way humanly possible."

Melina Cocolin

daughter of the late Penn State alumnus A. William Engel, Jr.

said her father loved Penn State sports.

"He was at every football game. He just had a passion for supporting all of the sports. After he retired he very seldom missed any of the sporting events," Tyson said.

Tyson said her father was a "town-and-gown" type of man, always working to bridge the relationship between Penn State and the community.

"His whole mantra was to make Penn State great," she said.

Tyson and Cocolin said their father was humble and friendly. He never wanted any "light shed upon him," Tyson said.

Cocolin said she finds peace in the fact that her father was 91 years old when he died and lived a full life.

"He ended his life in the best way humanly possible," Cocolin said.

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